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MILITARY WORKS.

GENERAL REMARKS.

1. The following stations were under the control of the Public Works Department during the year:—

Poona District.

Ahmednagar, Sirúr, | Purandhar, Khandála,

Sátára.

Bombay District.

Málegaon, Bhúj, | Baroda, Surat,

Thána.

Deesa District.

Ahmedabad, | Rájkot.

2. The expenditure during the year on Military Works (inclusive of contributions) amounted to Rs. 2,21,786, of which Rs. 87,404 were for original works; Rs. 84,441 for repairs; Rs. 35,345 for establishment; Rs. 2,261 for tools and plant; —Rs. 7,601 for suspense; and for Barrack Department, Rs. 19,936.

3. The Military Works Revenue for the year amounted to Rs. 12,053.

4. The principal works carried out during the year were as follows:—

I.—ACCOMMODATION FOR TROOPS.

3.—Improvements to existing Buildings in the Hills.

5. The work of re-roofing the Male Hospital at Purandhar, estimated to cost Rs. 14,770, was commenced during the year, and Rs. 10,000 expended up to its close. Purandhar.

V.—STAFF AND MISCELLANEOUS.

6. A small outlay was incurred on the Armoury, Store-room, and Magazine for the Southern Marátha Railway Volunteer Corps at Hubli, mentioned in the last report, bringing up the total outlay to Rs. 6,468, against the estimate of Rs. 7,187, the whole of which was provided from contributions, placed at the disposal of this Government, by the Government of Madras. Hubli.

VI.—STUDS.

7. The re-roofing of the Remount Stables at Ahmednagar, consisting of 6 pendalls, each 320 feet × 26 feet, estimated to Ahmednagar.

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cost Rs. 32,010, was commenced during the year, and Rs. 15,280 were expended. A Machine-shed and two horse-sheds for the Remount depôt were under construction, and Rs. 2,935 were spent, against the estimate of Rs. 3,058.

VIII.—GENERAL CANTONMENT WORKS.

1.—Water-supply.

Ahmedabad.

8. The extension of the Municipal water-supply to the Cantonment of Ahmedabad, described in the last report, was nearly completed, and Rs. 58,789 were expended to the close of the year, against the estimate of Rs. 62,738, the outlay of the year being Rs. 34,664. The house connections have not, however, been made owing to the refusal of the landlords of houses within the Cantonment to incur the expense; and the Military authorities have decided that this portion of the work should remain in abeyance for the present.

Rájkot.

9. The project for water-supply to the Infantry and Cavalry lines in the Rájkot Cantonment, estimated to cost Rs. 3,422, was commenced during the year, and Rs. 3,001 expended to the close of the year.

Kirkee.

10. The work of permanently increasing the storage capacity of the Páshán Reservoir was in progress during the year, the expenditure to date being Rs. 6,352; the existing works were maintained in an efficient state, and the waste weir was temporarily raised, to increase the storage capacity, at a total outlay of Rs. 2,546 during the year.

Sátára.

11. The work in connection with the water-supply to the Sátára Cantonment, described in previous reports, was in progress during the year, and the total outlay incurred to the end of the year was Rs. 71,473, against the estimate of Rs. 73,651, the outlay of the year being Rs. 2,031.

Ahmednagar.

12. Surveys in connection with the water-supply to the Ahmednagar Cantonment have been in hand during the year. Several analytical and bacteriological examinations of the water in the Bhingár aqueduct were made, and a preliminary report of a scheme to raise the water, from a point in the upper reaches of the duct, into a reservoir, at a sufficient elevation to supply water by gravitation, was submitted for consideration, and the question is under reference to the Military Authorities.

MINOR WORKS AND REPAIRS.

13. At other stations no new works of any importance were carried out during the year; the operations were confined to minor works, and the maintenance and repairs of existing buildings, water-supply works, and cantonment roads.